

Our Lady of Dolours

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
 Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm

PARISH MASS TIMETABLE

MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 9am and 12.15pm

SATURDAY - 9am and 5.30pm (Vigil)

SUNDAY - 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am and 5.30pm

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS - 9am only

KOREAN MASS - 7pm; 1st & 2nd Sundays of month.

FILIPINO MASS - 12noon; 1st Sunday of month.

FAMILY MASS: 9am each Sunday

CHILDREN'S CHOIR at 9am Family Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

KIDS' WORD: Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9am Family Mass on 2nd & 4th Sunday during school term. Begins in Church and moves to Meeting Rooms.

YOUTH MASS: 5.30pm each Sunday

RECONCILIATION: 9.30am - 10.30am each Saturday. Any time by request.

MORNING PRAYER: 8.45am Monday to Saturday

ROSARY 9.30am Monday to Saturday

EXPOSITION: 9.30am - 10.30am each Saturday

NOVENA: OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

- Saturday 10.00am with **BENEDICTION** 10.30am

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: 3rd Friday of month at 12.15pm Mass. Also during any weekday Mass before surgery or medical treatment, or any time by request.

BAPTISMS: See the brochure in the Church Foyer, go to our website (above) or contact the Sacramental Minister.

WEDDINGS: Contact a priest or sacraments minister. For a marriage/anniversary blessing at Sunday Mass contact Maria & Joe Woods 94113451.

CELEBRANTS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

	6/7 September	13/14 September
Vigil 5.30pm	Satheesh R.	Satheesh R.
7.30am	Vince Casey	Claude M.
9.00am	Vince Casey	Claude M.*
10.30am	Satheesh R.	Vince Casey
12noon	Filipino Mass	----
5.30pm	Claude M.	Satheesh R.
7.00pm	Korean Mass	Korean Mass

*Baptism Presentations

YEAR A FATHER'S DAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2008

READINGS

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9 says that if a prophet fails to warn and admonish he is responsible for those who do wrong.

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10 reminds us that genuine love of others will ensure that we carry out our obligations and never hurt them.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20 Jesus reminds us that we sometimes have an obligation to correct others.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

14 September 2008

Triumph of the Cross

Num 21:4-9; Phil 2:6-11.

Jn 3:13-17



If you do not warn
I will hold you guilty!

READINGS FOR WEEK DAY MASS

MON Micah 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30;
 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
 Birth of the Virgin Mary

TUES 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

WEDS 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

THURS 1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

FRI 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27; Lk 6:39-42

SAT 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49
 (Alt. Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 4:1-10, 13-20)
 St John Chrysostom

With Our Lady of Dolours, we pray for:

Sick: John Walker, Annette Stone, John O'Brien, Adriene Moran, Margaret Cox
Recently Deceased: Mara Zaknic, Gloria Vickery
Deceased Anniversary: Kevin Roberts, Margaret & Brian Sutton, Sri Tantini
Wedding: Angela Ng & Edmund Lai



WITHIN THE PARISH

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS FEAST DAY is celebrated on Monday 15th September

We will be having music at every Mass that day and will have a special Mass in the evening at 7.30pm followed by a supper. If you would like to bring a plate of "nibbles" that would be appreciated, but you are very welcome to just come along and enjoy the hospitality.

Next year we hope to have a parish dinner at a large venue such as North Sydney Leagues Club. If you are interested in helping the organizing committee please contact a member of the Parish Pastoral Council.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

A reminder that the weekend of 20th and 21st September is the weekend of our Annual Clothing Drive. Plastic bags can be found at the back of the Church next weekend, 13th and 14th September. Please take one or more home and return them "full to overflowing" with pre-loved clothing and linen the following weekend. Take your bags/linen to our Vinnies Van which will be parked in the Church yard to be packed with your generous donations. Thank you and God bless.

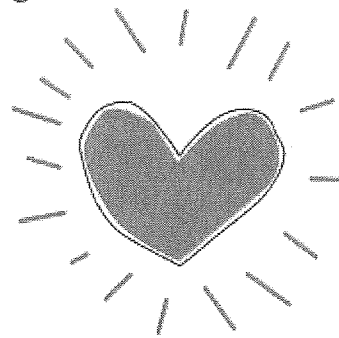
Please do not leave any items for St Vincent de Paul in the Church. Any unwanted items for St VDP can be handed in to either of our Chatswood shops (287 Victoria Ave and Orchard Arcade) during business hours. Our sincere thanks for your generosity.

HOME ROSARY will be held on Friday, 12 September at 198 Eastern Valley Way, Willoughby at 7.30pm. Inquiries please phone: 9967 2601. All welcome.

READERS

The new roster is ready to collect from the Piety Stall this weekend, and will continue with the same monthly format as the current one. Monica Cotter 9412 1323

Happy



Father's Day!

ABOUT FATHERS

- *He didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it. Clarence Kelland*
- *The father who does not teach his son his duties is equally guilty with the son who neglects them. Confucius*
- *He who is taught to live upon little owes more to his father's wisdom than he who has a great deal left him does to his father's care. William Penn*
- *By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong. Charles Wadworth*
- *A man's desire for a son is usually nothing but the wish to duplicate himself in order that such a remarkable pattern may not be lost to the world. Helen Rowland*
- *Small boys become big men through the influence of big men who care about small boys. Anonymous*

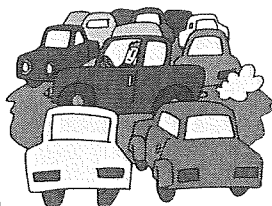
**POSITION VACANT: PASTORAL
ASSOCIATE RESPONSIBLE FOR
YOUTH AND ADULT EDUCATION**

Our Lady of Dolours Parish is currently looking for a Pastoral Associate who would be responsible for Youth and Adult Education in the parish. The successful applicant will be responsible for the faith formation and non-school education for all parishioners. Special emphasis will include activities for youth and young adults. He/she will be required to support existing activities for youth and adult education; to encourage leaders and parishioners who are involved; to welcome and involve new people; and to develop new directions in these ministries.

The position is full-time, permanent. Pay and conditions follow the Bishops' Conference guidelines for Parish Ministry Workers. For more information or a job description contact the Parish Office on 9410 9000. Applications in writing before Friday 26th September, 2008.

**PARKING IN
KIRK ST**

Parking is available in the new car park in Kirk St for parishioners for weekend Masses. When the car park is available for use by parishioners the top gate will be open and the bottom gate will open automatically when a car approaches it to exit. When the top gate is open, the pedestrian gates are also unlocked.



LECTIO DIVINA

Bishop David Walker is introducing Lectio Divina, to the parish. It is a way of praying the scriptures in four steps:

Step 1. Read through the text

Step 2. Read it again and draw out the meaning from the text

Step 3. Read it again and prayerfully apply it to your life

Step 4. Read it again and select a word or phrase to remember during the day

Brochures explaining Lectio Divina are available in the foyer of the church.

WYD – If you haven't had a chance to look at some of the photos collected during Chatswood's WYD week please do. The photos are on display in the Church foyer. Also, our parish features in the latest issue of Broken Bay News, page 9.



FATHER'S DAY BLESSING

Congratulations and thanks to all the Dads who celebrate Father's Day today. We will pray this special blessing at each of the Masses.



Heavenly Father,
we thank you for the many ways we have come to know you and especially through the gift of our fathers.

Today we ask you to bless all fathers:

Young fathers starting out in their journey of fatherhood;

Fathers immersed in the complexities of family life;

Single dads and those separated from wives and children;

Grandfathers in their twilight years who continue to watch over their families;

Those who, without having had children of their own, have given life and love through the gift of spiritual fatherhood;

Our fathers and grandfathers who have died.

We ask you to bless and protect all these men.

Heal any hurts which prevent them from receiving fullness of life.

Call them forth in the fullness of their masculinity as lovers and life-givers, nourishers and protectors, empowerers and prophets to your people.



Father, bless these men.

May we, the community of faith, cherish them and call them forth.

We ask this through Jesus and in your Spirit. *Amen.*

NEW PARISHIONERS' PACKS

New parishioners to our parish, and those welcoming them, may find helpful a "New Parishioner Pack" which is now available from our parish foyer. You will recognise these packs by the large gold envelopes with the Our Lady of Dolours logo on the front. The pack contains some basic information about the parish, our people, our patron saint, a directory, a registration form, planned giving details, etc. Speaking of new parishioners, there is ample room for a ministry here directed to personally welcoming newcomers who make their home here. If this is a concern on your heart, the Holy Spirit may be calling you to create a new ministry. Please think, pray and act on this as the Spirit leads.

PIETY STALL

2 new booklets on sale \$4 "Understanding the Rosary" and "Why go to Confession", both by Fr Flader who describes the Sacrament of Reconciliation as "one of the greatest treasures of the Church" and traces the History of the Rosary. Also, a book \$25 about the life of "Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati" written by his sister Luciana. His relics were in Sydney for World Youth Day. Attached to the book is a medal.

OLD PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

2009 enrolments open for Kindergarten and Year 5. Limited places in other grades.

Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School invites parents to experience the warmth and welcome of the school community on either one of the tour dates –

Friday 12th September 9.30 a.m. or Friday 19th September 9.30 a.m.

For enrolment enquiries contact the school office on 9419 2645.

STREETWORK

- **Calling all walkers and others!** In order to gain more supporters for this expanding ministry, StreetWork is organizing a letterbox drop of information and appeal. If you would like to help, please contact Joan Munday on 9427 5042 or Terry Meagher on 9419 2642.
- Chris Taylor will be running in the Sydney Marathon (42 kms) on Sunday, 21st September. He is hoping to raise money for StreetWork through sponsors. As StreetWork is our local social justice project you will have the opportunity to sponsor Chris after all Masses on the weekend of 13/14 September. Please come prepared – donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

CATECHISTS COLUMN

- Roma Cahill, one of the very precious catechists in our parish who has been taking the Word of our Lord to the children in the public schools in our area, is retiring after 35 years of service. Roma has more than generously given her time and her talents to do so. May the Lord Bless you Roma for all your contribution and we pray that the seeds of faith you have sown with His help, will some day blossom, and grow in the children you have taught. All catechists are invited to attend the Children's Mass on Sun 21 Sept, where Fr Vince will thank and bless Roma on behalf of the Parish.

- Souad Camilleri, one of our many a valuable catechists shared with me a beautiful experience she had with her yr 4 students last week. When preparing a lesson, she discovered the ancient Christian meditation "Maranatha" (Come Lord Jesus) which she put it into practice in class. At the end of the meditation she encouraged students to share their experiences. Here are some of them:

- I saw Jesus on the cross in my space
- I saw Jesus calling the children
- I saw Jesus sitting
- I saw Jesus during Passover

The depth of the children's answers gave Souad the confidence that she is on the right track, and that the message is getting through. Her students are developing and gaining greater spirituality and she felt most rewarded. Well done Souad!

- We are planning a retreat at one of the Benedictine Abbeys for our catechists in Nov or Dec. Please contact Sonia if you are interested.

Dates to Remember:

- **Tue 16 Sept – 7:30pm**
Northern Region Annual Mass
St Philip Neri Catholic Church
224 Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge
Pls RSVP with Sonia on 9410 90 22, if you are coming and/or need transport.
- **Fri 19 Sept 9:00am-4:00pm**
Annual Conference for all Catechists
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral
23, Yardley Ave, Waitara
Registration is a pre-requisite. Registration Forms are in the Catechists' pigeon hole. If you are willing to come, do not delay filling out a Form, as you will need to indicate by numbering 1, 2, 3 your preference of Workshops you would like to participate in. Preferences will be allocated according to date received. Please contact Sonia on 9410 90 22 if you will need transport.

CELEBRATE LOVE

Is a two day seminar for married couples providing practical tools and liberating insights to help them to build a lifetime of love together. **A seminar is being held in our parish** on the weekend of 22nd and 23rd November. For more details and to make a booking contact Francine & Byron Pirola 02 9662 7272(BH) 02 9662 7229 (AH) or www.celebratelove.com.au

MARRIED COUPLES NEEDED

Embrace is a programme for engaged couples that we have been promoting in the parish. It involves the engaged couple meeting in a married couples home to discuss a DVD they watch together. **We need more married couples from the parish to mentor these engaged couples.** Training is being provided in the parish on Saturday 20th September to couples who have done a Celebrate Love or Marriage Encounter weekend. If you are interested please contact Graham Barter and Elizabeth Reedy on 9419 4297.

INSPIRATION

Election speech by Hilaire Belloc to a largely Protestant audience:

" I am a Catholic. As far as possible I go to Mass every day. This is a rosary. As far as possible, I kneel down and tell these beads every day. If you reject me on account of my religion, I shall thank God that he has spared me the indignity of being your representative!" He was elected!

"LECTIO DIVINA"

"Lectio Divina" is in our Parish. Joan Pavitt from the Diocese, will help us improve our readings of the Scriptures. When?

1. **Every 1st Tue of the month after the 9:00 o'clock mass. - The next one, Tue 7 Oct.**
2. **Every 1st Thurs of the month at 7:30pm. The next one, Thurs 9 Oct.**

Interested? Please contact Sonia on 9410 90 22 or just turn up on the date.

CLERGY MOVES

During the week we were informed by the Bishop of some changes in the diocese:

-Fr David Taylor is on sick leave and Fr Jim McKeon is replacing him as Dean of the Cathedral. Fr Martin Aye Ngwe and Murphy House (the house of formation for the diocese) will also be moving to Waitara.

-The Discalced Carmelites will be taking responsibility for St Ives Parish. The Parish Priest will be Fr Peter Dowd.

-Fr Rex Curry has resigned as parish priest of Pittwater parish. The Salvatorians will take responsibility for the parish and Fr George Kolodziej will be the parish priest.

The letter we received from the Bishop is on the notice board in the foyer.

Outside the Parish

InterACT Trivia Night

Grab your trivia hat and wow us all with your knowledge of all things trivial at the InterACT interfaith youth trivia night 7.30pm Friday 19 September at OLG hall, Forestville.

Funds raised on the night and through ticket sales will go to buy bed nets to help fight Malaria in Africa as part of the Faiths Act campaign for the Tony Blair Faith Foundation which is dedicated to fulfilling all of the U.N.'s Millennium Development Goals through interfaith action.

Tickets \$20 per person or \$120 for a table of 8
For bookings please contact Christine on chriissy_p17@yahoo.com or 0421 555 629

World Meeting of Families is like a World Youth Day for families. It will be held in Mexico from 14th to 18th January 2009. For more information go to www.emf2009.com

Spirituality in the Pub

"Searching for Relationships"

Speakers: Michael Hickson & Kevin Hamilton
Where: Upstairs at The Union Hotel, Cnr Pacific Hwy & West Street, North Sydney
Date: Mon 15 Sept. 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm.
Parking: Street parking or an easy walk to St. Mary's Ridge St. car park.

Come along and raise your spirits with challenging conversation, and raise a glass to a better world. Delicious counter meals available. Enquiries Michelle 9958 5963

Got Your Wedding Plans Under Control?

But how prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information visit our web site: www.engagedencounter.org.au or call 9990 3212.

Coming Weekends: Oct 18-19, Dec 6-7, Feb 7th-8th, Apr 18th- 19th

The Catholic Weekly WYD 08 Photos

The official WYD photos website is www.worldyouthday08-photos.com.au. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to secure an exclusive quality photograph of the event!

Indian Bazaar

Saturday, 20th September 2008

9am to 5pm in the grounds of St Ignatius College Riverview

Food & wine, things to buy, amusements, book stalls & Bric a Brac, rides, raffles, cakes and silent auction, fun and activities for the whole family. Masses throughout the day

The Broken Bay Music Ministry Forum

(BBMMF) is holding its next meeting on Sunday, September 28th 2pm – 4:30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. The meeting provides an opportunity for networking among all music ministers in our Diocese. The topic this time is “The Place of Chant in Parish Liturgy.” It includes a presentation by Paul Mason on “The Place of Chant in the Mass: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.” After discussion and afternoon tea, Jim Forsyth will lead a workshop focussing on the Gelineau psalm tones for Responsorial Psalms. All are welcome. \$5 cover. RSVP Paul Mason 0414 436 017 or info@liturgicalsong.com.

Rosary Procession for World Peace

In honour of “Mary Help of Christians” Patroness of Australia. Saturday, 13th September 2008 starting time 11am from Lang Park (in front of St Patrick’s Church) arriving St Mary’s Cathedral 12noon. For further information, see noticeboard or contact 9560 3212.

Author Talk

Willoughby City Library presents Roy Williams speaking about his book “God, Actually”. Wednesday, 10 September 12.30pm in Council Chambers, Victor St, Chatswood. Bookings essential for this free function. Tel 9777 7900.

Australian Catholic University

Open Night - Wednesday, 10 September 2008 from 5pm – 8pm at ACU National, Mackillop Campus, 40 Edward St, North Sydney. Courses offered in Arts, Business, Education, Environmental Science, Nursing, Visual Arts and Design, etc.

Adult Education Courses

Presented by Sister E Crilly rsj. Guided Meditation Monday 15th & 22nd September from 11am – 1pm. Cost \$10 each session. Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney

Rotary “Stress & Anxiety” Mental Health Forum

16 September from 7pm - 9pm at the Zenith Theatre, Chatswood. Keynote speaker is Professor Gin S Malhi . *Entry Free*

Broken Bay Parent Council

Positive Parenting Programme

“Getting Teenagers Connected” Helping parents to encourage teenagers to become involved in socially appropriate activities with supportive friends. Wednesday, 17th September. To register, phone 9907 3133 or info@nbben.com.au

Parent Line counseling service is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Ring 13 2055 for personal and professional advice on any parenting concern.

BBI COURSES

• Liturgical Spirituality

A 3-day course offered by Broken Bay Institute from 8-10 October 2008 9am to 4pm presented by Rev Dr John Frauenfelder and Sr Jill Shirvington op.

The unit aims to create within the daily experience of life an awareness of the world as a spiritual place in which we can find the fulfillment of its ultimate purpose. We are invited to reflect on liturgy as a public or communal spirituality and highlight the Trinitarian basis of liturgical prayer.

• Liturgy in a Postmodern Age

22 Sept - Worship & Culture in Dialogue: Lessons from History

23 Sept - The Liturgical Reforms of Vatican II and the Future of Catholic Worship

24 Sept - Contemporary Issues in Catholic Worship and Future Challenges

The speaker will be Fr Pecklers SJ, Professor of Liturgy in Rome.

Information and registrations phone 9847 0030 or email info@bbi.catholic.edu.au

HAIRCUT HUMOUR

An Australian Bishop got a good laugh when he recently told this story:

‘There was a priest who gave very long sermons.

One Sunday a man got up and left during the sermon.

He was away for quite a while – but came back before the priest had finished. After Mass the priest asked the man why he had left the church.

Parishioner: “Oh, I went to get a haircut.”

Priest: “You should have had a haircut before you came to church.”

Parishioner: “I didn’t need one then.”’

Celebrating the gift of fatherhood

While my husband would be the first to admit his shortcomings as a father, I none the less am awed by his capacity to influence our children. In the early years of parenting, my role as a mother was unquestioned: babies and young children are so clearly dependent on their mother...Daddy was great to have around but 'mother' was the centre of their world. However as our children have grown the balance of relevance has shifted and the role of 'father' has become more substantial and unique. With our children no longer babies, but teenagers and emerging adults, more often than not I find myself most effective as a mother when I just keep out of the way, keep the food coming and let my husband do his 'Daddy Magic'.

What is Daddy Magic? It is the amazing influence that my husband has around interacting with each child, most especially on the hard topics. For example, both our sons are at the stage of selecting high school subjects. It is a difficult choice for them as they are still discovering where their interests and abilities lie. To my frustration, neither has yet developed a value for hard work and endless maternal nagging seems only to entrench their determined resistance.

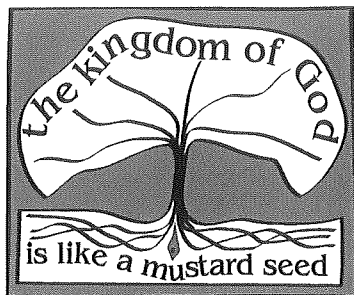
Enter Daddy Magic. Through carefully timed conversations he has managed to connect with the interior longing of each son. He knows and understands their secret terror of failure and irrelevance. He can speak to their heart in a way that doesn't shame or criticise. He calls forth their manliness and inspires confidence in themselves. He appeals to their innate, masculine virtue – the desire to succeed, to make a significant contribution, to be respected and admired for their integrity. When the culture is telling boys over and over to selfishly seize every opportunity for their personal gain, Daddy Magic speaks truth to the heart of our teenage sons: "You're better than that. You have what it takes to be great in the service of others. You have the making of a true man – one who can take on responsibility and deliver on it, one who lays down his life in the service and protection of the women and children in his life." He seems to be able to motivate and inspire in ways I would never think of and in a way I probably never can.

But Daddy Magic is not only for our sons. It also reveals its wonders in my husband's relationship with our daughters. When feminine tensions between mother and daughter are strained, Daddy Magic speaks to the heart of the emerging young woman: "You are a delight to me! You are beautiful in my eyes – my cherished, irreplaceable daughter! Let no man even think about harming you. I would lay down my life to protect you and you should expect no less from the men who would seek to love you. I believe in you. I trust in you. I have confidence in you." And he doesn't even need to use these precise words – this liberating and feminising message is conveyed to our daughters in myriad ways through countless interactions.

Clearly it is not beyond a mother's capability to articulate these life-affirming messages – but the message is not only in the words, it is also in the person of the messenger. In the same way that the CEO saying "good job" has greater impact than the same words from a junior assistant, so also is there a difference in the credibility of the message when it comes from the father. These messages delivered from one's father carries a gravitas that has a life-long impact; boys become men of integrity and valour, girls become women of grace and courage.

And so dear fathers, we honour you for your presence in the family. Know that your lasting influence on your children will be your most valuable legacy to the world. Know also, that no matter what your inadequacies to date, there is always both a capacity within you, and a need, for that 'daddy magic'.

*A
Father's
Heart is Full
of Love*



Adult Faith Formation

WYD follow-up series

...*what's on this week?*

Sunday: (no session)

Monday 8 Sept. 7.30-8.30pm

"Knowing God's Hope" Meeting Room 1

David Payne (of Westminster Archdiocese, UK) continues to offer gentle, yet profound, insights into the gift of our Catholic faith in this DVD presentation on *heaven and eternal life*.

Tuesday 9 Sept. 7.30pm

"Created & Redeemed" MRI

Why are people so interested in sex? Because it speaks to us of the very mystery of life and reaches to the very heart of God's plan... Explore more about John Paul II's 'Theology of the Body' with Christopher West, a young married man and a highly engaging presenter. DVD presentation.

Wednesday 10 Sept. 7.30pm

Bible Study MRI

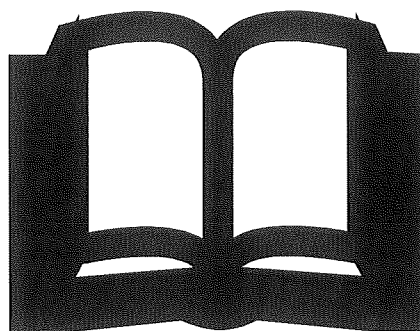
Like the mustard seed, exploring a little bit of scripture each week helps us to grow strong in faith. Join with parishioners each Wednesday night in this bible study group that is currently exploring the Gospel of John. Enquiries: Jenny & Ray Moran 9412 1701. MR1.

Thursday 11 Sept. 7.30am

"Listening to God" MRI

How do Catholics approach the Bible? In this DVD presentation Australian Scripture scholar (and now bishop) Mark Coleridge continues to share his knowledge and expertise with an audience of parishioners.

Thank you! This is the final week of our post-WYD catechesis series. Thank you to all who have been participating, and thanks to those who have so generously been hosting the sessions: Cynthia, Brendan & Kaoru, Jenny & Ray, Sonia, Joan, Monica, Danka, Vince.



Treasuring the gift of God's Word

In October this year, the Bishops gather in Rome for a Synod that addresses the topic: "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church".

This is perhaps a good time to recall some of the bible formation opportunities on offer in our parish:

- Bible Study on Wednesday evenings.
- Lectio Divina (first Tues morning and first Thurs evening of the month).
- RCIA and Lenten groups gather around the Word.
- The "Listening to God" DVD series.
- The Focolare "Word of Life" reflection is available each month (church foyer).
- Some parishioners find the "Apostleship of Prayer" leaflet, listing the daily readings for the month, very helpful.
- Our parish library offers scripture-related resources.
- Scripture study courses run by local institutes are advertised by the parish.

All these initiatives are terrific contributions to parish life, calling us to deepen our love for God's Word. May they continue, and may we be awakened to many more initiatives... E.g., Given that the Church has declared a "Year of Saint Paul", perhaps there are parishioners who would like to organise a study of some of the Pauline Epistles? We can never have enough ways of exploring the Scriptures. Let's be grateful, too, for our wonderful ministry of readers, and of course our priests who proclaim the Gospel in our liturgies, day in, day out.